



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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In the Great Hall, a worker secures metal studs in place for the vaulted ceiling above the entrance to the CVC Exhibition Hall.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/27/06 through 3/03/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue to set base and wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone masons continue setting stone along the east side of the Great Hall, near the elevators on either side of the Hall. Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall and have begun frame-work for the vaulted ceiling in this zone.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue masonry block work along the face of the original Capitol to enclose utility lines and prepare the zone for stone installation, which has begun at the lower level of the transition zone.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone to prepare the area for the first of 85 new trees that will be planted this March.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space (HES, SES), crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines are complete at Second Street and continue at First Street. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel, expected by early this March.
- Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the ongoing backfill work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation on all of the utility lines.

Next Week – 3/06/06 – 3/10/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Work on a 10-inch concrete slab may begin near Second Street as part of the effort to restore the street for traffic.



A worker uses a power washer to clean a sandstone wall in the CVC Exhibition Hall. Floor stone installation will begin in the facility next week.